

REMARKS

Claims 3-10, 12-15, 18 and 19 are now pending in the application. Claims 1, 2, 11, 16 and 17 have been cancelled as a result of this Amendment. The Examiner is respectfully requested to reconsider and withdraw the rejections in view of the amendments and remarks contained herein.

ALLOWABLE SUBJECT MATTER

The Examiner states that Claims 3-5, 12-14, 18 and 19 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Accordingly, the Applicant has amended Claims 3, 12 and 18 to include the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims, where applicable. Therefore, Claims 3-5, 12-14, 18 and 19 should now be in condition for allowance. Additionally, Claims 6-10 have been amended to depend from claims that have been stated to be allowable by the Examiner. Therefore, such claims are believed to now be in condition for allowance. Finally, Claims 4-5, 13-15 and 19 are original claims that are believed to be in condition for allowance because of their dependence upon claims that are believed to be allowable.

CONCLUSION

It is believed that all of the stated grounds of rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all presently outstanding rejections. It is believed that a full and complete response has been made to the outstanding Office


AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached "Replacement Sheets" of drawings include changes to Figure 1. The attached "Replacement Sheet," which includes Figures 1 and 2, replaces the original sheet including Figures 1 and 2. Figure 1 has been labeled as "PRIOR ART."

Action, and as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. Thus, prompt and favorable consideration of this amendment is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (248) 641-1600.

Respectfully submitted,

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